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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Discussion on the Concealment Vest with [redacted]  
CI Staff

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1. On Wednesday, 6 February 1957, [redacted] and Chief of their Training Section, discussed the possible adaptation of the concealment vest for the purpose of carrying documents. He stated that his experiences as a case officer in the [redacted] brought to light the need for a safe and convenient method of carrying documents. His overseas assignment required him to attend meetings late at night and the only means of carrying large amounts of documentation was in brief cases.

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2. The undersigned showed him a vest fabricated at [redacted] [redacted] was advised that much work had to be done in the welding technique before we would have a satisfactory unit and that the one he was shown was merely illustrative of the approach we are taking. It was agreed that [redacted] would be informed of the progress of the project from time to time and when a satisfactory unit has been fabricated he would be invited to inspect it. He mentioned that several former case officers were also interested in the vest as a means of carrying documents concealed on the person.

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3. It is felt that to modify the vest to carry documents would be feasible as this problem presents far less difficulties than the current task of concealing electronic equipment.

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